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SCAG SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Submittal deadline is March 5, 2010

LOS ANGELES – December 15, 2009 – Applications for the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) scholarship program are available. The program is designed to offer local government and planning experience that students can use to develop long-term career goals.

The scholarship will provide up to \$3,000 each for seven high school or community college students from the SCAG region and a two-week externship with a local government planning agency. Recipients will also have an opportunity to meet with their local government representatives and practicing planners to discuss the importance of urban planning and a future career in public service.

Applicants must be a resident in Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino or Ventura County (the SCAG region) or on Tribal Lands within the SCAG region; be a high school junior or graduating senior or currently enrolled in a two-year community college in the SCAG region; have a 3.0 grade point average or higher; and must be available for a two-week externship with a local planning agency during Summer 2010. In addition to the application form, applicants must complete a 500-word essay and submit two letters of recommendation and their current school transcript.

To download the application or for more information about the program, visit the SCAG Web site at www.scag.ca.gov/scholarship/index.htm or call (213) 236-1975. All materials for the Summer 2010 SCAG Scholarship Program must be postmarked by Friday, March 5, 2010.

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